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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Matt Schultz Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 510, an act relating to and making appropriations to the justice system, providing penalties, and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.

Senate File 510 is, therefore, signed on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 4, numbered paragraph 1, lettered paragraph a in its entirety. This item prevents the Department of Corrections from entering into a new contract in excess of \$100,000 for privatized services during fiscal year 2012 and 2013 without prior notification of the legislature and employee organizations. However, these sections allow the department to renew existing contracts without notification. This item would prevent the department from obtaining services for inmates in an effective and efficient manner. This notification unnecessarily impedes on the department's management authority.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 4, numbered paragraph 2, lettered paragraph a in its entirety. This item mandates the Department of Corrections to transfer at least \$300,000 from canteen funds of the institutions to the department's education programs. The department already is required and desires to utilize canteen funds for the benefit of inmates. However, this item requires the department to use \$300,000 of the canteen fund towards inmate education programs when the fund usually does not have \$300,000. It is impossible for the department to spend \$300,000 of the fund when the fund's balance is typically below that amount. Therefore, I continue to encourage the department to use funds provided in the Canteen Fund towards education programs for inmates.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 5, subsection 6 in its entirety. This item would require all Community Based Correctional ("CBC") facilities to accept offenders transferred from other judicial districts without consideration of evidence-based practices regarding supervisory status. I

disapprove this language in order to assure that each CBC facility will maintain control of the types and numbers of offenders who they serve in their respective residential programs.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 33, numbered paragraph 1, lettered paragraph a in its entirety. This item prevents the Department of Corrections from entering into a new contract in excess of \$100,000 for privatized services during fiscal year 2012 and 2013 without prior notification of the legislature and employee organizations. However, these sections allow the department to renew existing contracts without notification. This item would prevent the department from obtaining services for inmates in an effective and efficient manner. This notification unnecessarily impedes on the department's management authority.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 33, numbered paragraph 2, lettered paragraph a in its entirety. This item mandates the Department of Corrections to transfer at least \$300,000 from canteen funds of the institutions to the department's education programs. The department already is required and desires to utilize canteen funds for the benefit of inmates. However, this item requires the department to use \$300,000 of the canteen fund towards inmate education programs when the fund usually does not have \$300,000. It is impossible for the department to spend \$300,000 of the fund when the fund's balance is typically below that amount. Therefore, I continue to encourage the department to use funds provided in the Canteen Fund towards education programs for inmates.

I am unable to approve the item designated in Section 34, paragraph 6 in its entirety. This item would require all Community Based Correctional ("CBC") facilities to accept offenders transferred from other judicial districts without consideration of evidence-based practices regarding supervisory status. I disapprove this language in order to assure that each CBC facility will maintain control of the types and numbers of offenders who they serve in their respective residential programs.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 510 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD

Governor